

PROCLAMATION

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)

WHEREAS, 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including families, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims as they have lost lives, loved ones, life savings, physical and mental health, and their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year is "Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past," calling us to reflect on the meaning of justice for those harmed by crime; and

WHEREAS, we know that, by working together, we can help victims of crime reshape their futures and ensure that they receive the support they need, the respect they deserve, and the rights they have earned; and

WHEREAS, Cochise Victim Awareness, Inc. is joining forces with Cochise County Victim Witness Program, other victim service programs, criminal justice and law enforcement officials, and concerned citizens in Sierra Vista and Cochise County to raise awareness of victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, Since 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) has been observed each April by promoting victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the Cochise County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of April 10-16, 2011, to be National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Cochise County, Arizona and reaffirm Cochise County's commitment to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their concerns during this week and throughout the year.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2011.

Patrick Call, Chairman

Ann English, Vice-Chairman

Richard Searle, Supervisor